



May 14, 2020

Latest information from
Barrington Congregational
Church, UCC

Keeping you up-to-date

Some of the things that are **NEW in this email:**

- Bulletin, Hymn Sheet, and Announcements for May 17th live-stream worship service
- Earlier deadline for prayer requests
- Flower donors needed in June
- BCCUCC Virtual Trivia Challenge
- Jubilation Sunday information and requests
- Linda's Ordination

Previous emails have been posted to our website [at this link](#).

Calendar

Church Office is CLOSED until further notice

All in-person worship, meetings and activities at church are suspended or postponed until further notice. However, some things are happening virtually.

Thurs, May 14

4:30 - 6 pm Happy Hour via Zoom

Fri, May 15

Linda on call for pastoral emergencies

Sat, May 16

9:30 am 'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' (live-streamed) at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Sun, May 17 'God is Good' Sunday

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service ONLY at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) (No in-person worship)

10:45 am Coffee Hour via Zoom

11:30 am - 1 pm Confirmation class via Zoom

4 pm CEYM meeting via Zoom

6:30 pm Mission Trip meeting via Zoom

Mon, May 18

Deadline for Annual Reports

Tues, May 19

9:30 am Book Group via Zoom
11 am Staff meeting via Zoom
1:30 pm Worship Technology Team meeting via Zoom
7 pm Deacons meeting via Zoom

Thurs, May 21

4:30 - 6 pm Happy Hour via Zoom

Fri, May 22

Dale on call for pastoral emergencies
Deadline for Baccalaureate Sunday RSVPs

Sat, May 23

9:30 am 'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' (live-streamed) at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#)

Sun, May 24 Seniors, Elders, and Grandparents Sunday

10 am Live-streamed Worship Service ONLY at www.facebook.com/bccucc or on our website [at this link](#) (No in-person worship)
10:45 am Coffee Hour via Zoom
Deadline for graduate information for newsletter

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>
Please note that looking ahead, cancellations and suspensions of meetings may not yet be noted in the on-line calendar as we don't know what the future holds.
Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

Sunday, May 17th

Worship begins at 10:00 AM and can be found both on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc and website www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/

We hope you can join us live, but if not, you can watch a recording later at the same links.



Resources for this week's worship service are at the following links:

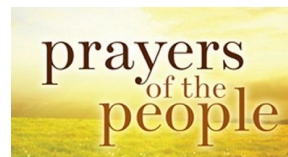
[Bulletin for Sunday 5/17/20](#)

[Hymn sheet for Sunday 5/17/20](#)

[Announcements for Sunday 5/17/20](#) (please note that these don't cover anything prior to Sunday)

Earlier deadline (8 am) to receive Prayers of the People

Dale and Linda include Prayers of the People during each Sunday's worship service. They invite you to email or text them prayers (to dale@bccucc.org or linda@bccucc.org), or leave a message on the church's answering machine (246-0111) **any time before 8:00 AM on Sunday morning** so they can include them in the live stream. Please be sure if you are mentioning people, to confirm that they would be comfortable with being lifted up in public AND that you don't include full names. Perhaps just mention first names. We want to be respectful of peoples' privacy as we hold them in our prayers.



Reminder of upcoming deadlines

There are still some vacancies... could you fill one?

Our church needs your help to support its ongoing ministries. There are a couple of ways for you to get involved in the upcoming church year (starting in July). If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Elizabeth Azevedo at 860-301-2915 or eazevedo17@gmail.com **by Sunday, May 17th**.

CHURCH COUNCIL, which is our governing body, has **1** open position starting in July.

- **Auditor** – The Auditor is a member of the church who is a qualified accountant and does not hold any other elected office in the church. An annual audit of the financial records of the church is prepared by the Auditor.

In addition, we have **3 MINISTRY TEAMS** that need your support also starting in July.

- We need **3** people to join the **Membership Ministry Team** which seeks to make individuals welcome in our church community. They welcome visitors, new members, and work with ministry teams to encourage member participation in ministry teams and church council.
- We need **3** people to join the **Stewardship Ministry Team** which encourages giving of one's self to God's work. They currently focus most of their work on planning and organizing for Consecration Sunday.
- We need **4** people to join the **Finance Ministry Team** which manages the financial affairs of the church including the annual budgeting.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to fill a position for next year.

Annual reports needed

The clergy, church officers and ministry team leaders are reminded to submit their individual reports to the church office **by Monday, May 18th**, for inclusion in our church's 2020 Annual Report. The reports should cover the period from June 2019 – May 2020 and, if possible, also include any goals for the upcoming year. Reports should be emailed to Christine at office@bccucc.org or mailed in. If you have any questions, please contact Christine.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for after worship on Sunday, June 7th.



Baccalaureate Sunday

Are you a graduating high school senior? Do you have one in your family? If so, this announcement is for you! These are difficult times and they have really disrupted our graduating seniors' lives. As a result, we really want to be sure to do something special for them in church. We will be hosting our annual **Baccalaureate Sunday** on June 7th to honor these students and their accomplishments. Of course we will be doing this virtually, so we need your help. If you know of a high school senior that is associated with BCCUCC we need you to RSVP to the church office **by Friday, May 22nd** (office@bccucc.org or 246-0111). Following that, Dale will reach out to you to gather all the necessary information to make this day as special one for our graduates. Thank you, and Congratulations!



Graduation information needed for newsletter

We like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school,

college, graduate school etc, by publishing the names and graduation information in our newsletter. If you or a family member is graduating this spring, please send the information to the church office at office@bccucc.org by **Sunday, May 24th**. Information needed is name of graduate, high school or college from which they're graduating, what college or further education they will be attending, or what degree they are getting, and any future plans if appropriate.

Kathleen Lynne Fodor Scholarships - applications available

Two scholarships are awarded each year - one to a high school graduate going on to further education, and one to a student already in college. Graduating high school seniors and college students *who have been confirmed and are members of this church* are eligible to apply. **Application deadline is Sunday, May 31st** and the scholarship winners will be announced on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 7th. Applications forms are available [at this link](#), or at www.bccucc.org under Get Involved > Information for Church Members.

New in this eBridge

Jubilation Sunday - information and a couple of requests

Join us for a special Jubilation Sunday worship service on **Sunday, May 31st** at **10 am**.

We will again have a number of intergenerational participants helping us lead worship as we celebrate the Holy Spirit on this special day (Pentecost). We hope to have the Sing and Celebrate children's choir joining us as well as a number of other special participants.

If you would like to help out in any way **we are looking for artwork** from our youth and children of all ages as well as people (and kids!) who **speak languages other than English**. If you can help out in either of these ways please contact Andrea (andrea@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 107).

It should be a great service! And, as usual, this service will be a virtual service streamed by our usual means on the church's Facebook page and website.



BCCUCC Virtual Trivia Challenge

COMING SOON:

BCCUCC Virtual Trivia Challenge!!

I think, therefore I wish I knew

Sunday, May 31st 12:30 - 2:30 pm



Come join us via Zoom for a family friendly trivia game!
Form a team with those people with whom you have been self-isolating, and get ready to have your knowledge tested!

(If you don't have a conveniently confined family unit, and don't want to be a one person show, let us know, and we will connect you with another team/person.)

If you and your team are up for the challenge, email Kim Colby **to register** at kcolby016@gmail.com. Include your names, your team name, and whether you desire or are willing to be connected with someone else.

We will send an email to confirm your registration, containing the rules and a bit of technological advice.

It may not be as good as the dunk tank, but we hope you'll have some fun anyway!

We thank the Colby family for organizing what should be a really fun event.

Linda Hartley's ordination service

Our Associate Minister, Linda Hartley, has been patiently waiting to be ordained. Originally scheduled for March 22nd at Newman Congregational Church, it had to be postponed due to the coronavirus shutdown. It was rescheduled to **Sunday, May 31st at 3 pm** and will take place then, but it will have to be a virtual service. So save the date and time as the service will be livestreamed. Details on how to watch will be included in a later eBridge.



Linda's latest blog

If you missed yesterday's email with Linda's latest blog "Dancing with God" you can [read it here](#).



Altar Flower donors needed in June

There are a number of openings on the Sundays in June for people to donate the cost of the altar flowers. Each arrangement costs \$30 and donors may choose to cover the cost of either one or both of the vases. The flowers can be dedicated in memory, celebration or honor of a person or a special event. If interested in any of the Sundays in June, please contact Jen Melker at (617) 877-1278 or jkmelker@gmail.com. Thank you.



Opportunities to get together (virtually)

After worship coffee hour on Sundays

We host a Zoom coffee hour after church each Sunday. Beginning shortly after the 'livestream' worship ends, **around 10:45 am**, all are invited to log onto zoom and chat with your fellow church members and friends. We hope to see you there - but you'll have to bring your own coffee!

The zoom link information is the same each week but for security reasons isn't included in this version of the eBridge that goes on our website and Facebook page. It was included in the latest eBridge sent to the congregation.

JOIN US ONLINE FOR



BCCUCC Happy Hour on Thursdays

All are invited to stop by the BCCUCC virtual Happy Hour with Dale every Thursday anytime from 4:30 - 6 pm via Zoom. So grab your favorite beverage sit down with your computer, tablet or smartphone, and hang out with your

church friends for a while. You're welcome to drop by (virtually) for as long or short a time as you'd like – we miss you and hope you'll join us!

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Book Group

The Book Group plans to meet virtually again this month via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 19th** at the earlier time of 9:30 am. They will talk about any books that they've recently read. For more information about the group contact Helen Schall at helenschall@hotmail.com or 245-4724. All are welcome to participate.



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'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea'

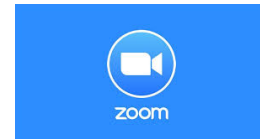
'Llama Pajama Time with Andrea' is on **Saturdays at 9:30 am**. We invite both the young and young at heart to tune in to www.facebook.com/bccucc or <https://www.bccucc.org/live-stream-page/> as Andrea reads a story or two, shares a Psalm and talks with the children in this livestream.



If you're not able to watch live, you can always watch a recording later on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.

New to Zoom? Here's what you need to know

Zoom is pretty easy to set up and use. If you are using a tablet or smartphone (iPad or Android) there are apps to use. You should be able to find the app "Zoom" in your App Store.



If you are using your computer (ideally with a camera, like most laptops have) when you click on the link from your weekly church email, it will take you to a website and ask to install Zoom on your computer. Say "yes". It is a very small and pretty quick download and install.

Once installed, whenever you click on a zoom link it will automatically launch zoom and log you into the meeting. If it doesn't log you into the meeting automatically, you can manually type in the meeting ID into the Zoom app (on computer, smartphone, or tablet) and then the password, and it will take you to the meeting.

Reminders

Building Safety

Some of you have been hand delivering contributions to the office. While we appreciate your doing so, please do not enter the building, for your safety and for the safety of the limited staff that must work from the office. We encourage you to either mail your contributions to the church or leave them in the "church mailbox", located at the top of the steps leading to the office - on the wall on your left. The US mail and the church mailbox are checked daily by a staff member. Thank you.

Stay connected with each other - and call the ministers if needed

During this time of separation, we are all encouraged to keep in touch with each other. If there's someone in the church you'd like to

reach out to - maybe someone living alone - but you don't have their contact information, please call the church office and leave a message (401 246-0111 x 101) or email office@bccucc.org Christine will then get their contact information to you.



If you're in the hospital, a nursing home or rehab, or you're simply staying home as required, but would like a visit with a minister, please don't hesitate to call them and they'll be happy to visit with you over the phone during this time of restrictions. Their numbers are Dale (401) 246-0111 x 103; Linda (401) 246-0111 x 104. Leave a message and they'll get back to you.

Church Offering - please continue to give if you are able

Thank you to those of you who have been mailing in your contributions to the church. If you are financially able to do so at this time, we encourage you to mail in your regular contributions or use online banking if that is available to you. This will allow our cash flow to remain stable and for the church to be able to pay its bills and meet payroll. We appreciate your efforts! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Stoddard, at pat@bccucc.org or 246-0111 x 102. Thank you.



Pat Stoddard, at

Ways to watch our live-streams

We are doing our live-streams using Zoom and 'Facebook Live' and there are two places to watch it online:

1. On the church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/bccucc
2. On the church's webpage www.bccucc.org at the '[BCCUCC live-stream](#)' link from the home page, where the feed will be embedded.



For Facebook live, simply go to www.facebook.com/bccucc to watch. You don't need a Facebook account to see it. If you do have an account, search for the church's Facebook Page which is 'Barrington Congregational Church UCC'. If you 'Like' our page you should then get our news feeds, and also be able to comment on our posts and the live feeds.

If you're not able to watch live, you can watch a recording later, on the [live-stream page](#) of our website.

The office is closed but you can still reach us

Following recommendations, the church office will be closed for the foreseeable future. However you can still be in touch with the ministers and staff. You can either send an email or leave a message on the answering machine at the person's extension. Both emails and voice mail messages will be checked regularly. Our contact information is:

Dale dale@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 103

Linda linda@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 104

Christine office@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 101 (or just stay on the line)

Pat pat@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 102

Andrea andrea@bccucc.org (401) 246-0111 x 107



As Dale said in a recent blog "*if you need support, strength, or help in these days, please don't wait for Linda, me, or someone else from the church to call you. Reach out to us. We're still here and we'll be there for you in the ways that we can!*"

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